

Illinois Crash Data 2000-2003

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The data provided in this document are based on reported crashes which occurred on public roadways within Illinois.

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Four-Year Statistics

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2000 vs 2003
Registered Motor Vehicles ¹	9.54	10.20	10.03	9.41	-1.4%
Licensed Drivers ¹	8.46	8.57	8.53	8.52	0.7%
Vehicles Miles Traveled ²	102.94	103.12	106.18	106.46	3.4%
Crashes ⁴	460.17	443.29	438.99	437.29	-5.0%
Injuries ⁴	134.26	124.63	127.72	131.28	-2.2%
Deaths	1,418	1,414	1,420	1,454	2.5%
Mileage Death Rate ³	1.38	1.37	1.34	1.37	-0.9%

¹ Millions. Data obtained from Illinois Secretary of State.

² Miles of travel on all roadways within Illinois, expressed in billions.

³ Per Hundred Million Vehicle Miles Traveled.

⁴ Thousands.

Note: Crash data in this publication are taken from the state's crash records system except where noted.

The number of motor vehicle registrations decreased by 1.4 percent, while the number of licensed drivers showed a slight increase during the last four years. The number of crashes for 2003 decreased by 5.0 percent compared to the number of crashes for 2000.

The risk of being in a crash generally increases with miles traveled. The number of deaths and miles traveled are used to calculate the mileage death rate. When comparing 2003 with 2000, the number of vehicle miles traveled increased by 3.4 percent. The mileage death rate decreased by 0.9 percent. Improvements in roadway engineering, enhanced enforcement, and efforts to increase occupant restraint usage and to decrease alcohol-related fatalities have all contributed to this reduction.

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Holiday Traffic Crashes

TOTAL		CRASH SEVERITY			PERSONS		Average Killed Per Day
YEAR	DAYS	Fatal	Injury	Total	Killed	Injured	
MEMORIAL DAY							
2003	3.25	17	701	3,102	22	1,060	6.8
2002	3.25	15	718	3,163	18	1,088	5.5
2001	3.25	12	723	3,562	12	1,070	3.7
2000	3.25	15	731	3,364	16	1,201	4.9
FOURTH OF JULY							
2003	3.25	21	827	3,448	24	1,297	7.4
2002	4.25	21	964	4,275	27	1,499	6.4
2001	1.25	4	284	2,260	4	412	3.2
2000	4.25	22	991	4,410	25	1,521	5.9
LABOR DAY							
2003	3.25	17	810	3,503	20	1,337	6.2
2002	3.25	17	702	2,937	18	1,120	5.5
2001	3.25	13	716	2,960	13	1,144	4.0
2000	3.25	14	682	2,973	23	1,067	7.1
THANKSGIVING							
2003	4.25	16	789	4,274	17	1,257	4.0
2002	4.25	16	715	3,964	18	1,108	4.2
2001	4.25	17	890	4,844	17	1,316	4.0
2000	4.25	20	840	4,660	22	1,282	5.2
CHRISTMAS							
2003	4.25	12	706	3,678	13	1,122	3.1
2002	1.25	4	269	1,792	4	434	3.2
2001	4.25	14	970	5,522	16	1,479	3.8
2000	3.25	13	626	4,496	13	1,003	4.0
NEW YEAR'S							
2003-2004	4.25	22	N/A	N/A	25	N/A	5.9
2002-2003	1.25	5	171	835	5	276	4.0
2001-2002	4.25	23	624	3,542	25	959	5.9
2000-2001	3.25	6	578	4,097	6	873	1.8

This table shows motor vehicle traffic crash experience in Illinois for the six major holiday periods from 2000 to New Year's Day 2004. Crash counts begin at 6 p.m. on the day before the first full day of the holiday period and end at midnight of the last day of the holiday period. For example, since Memorial Day has become a legal Monday holiday, the holiday period begins at 6 p.m. on Friday and continues through midnight on Monday.

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Young Drivers (16-20 Years of Age) Involved in Crashes

DRIVER INVOLVEMENT By Crash Severity	2000	2001	2002	2003	Previous 3-Year Average	% Change (2003 vs. 3-Year Average)
Total Crashes	108,838	104,039	105,547	103,919	106,141	-2.1
Fatal Crashes	260	299	279	289	279	3.6
Injury Crashes	26,187	24,496	25,096	24,902	25,260	-1.4
Licensed Drivers	721,569	727,632	717,565	716,578	722,255	-0.8
Fatal Crash Ratio ¹	2.39	2.87	2.64	2.78	2.63	5.7
Fatal Crash Rate ²	0.36	0.41	0.39	0.40	0.39	2.6
Total Crash Rate ³	150.84	142.98	147.09	145.02	146.96	-1.3

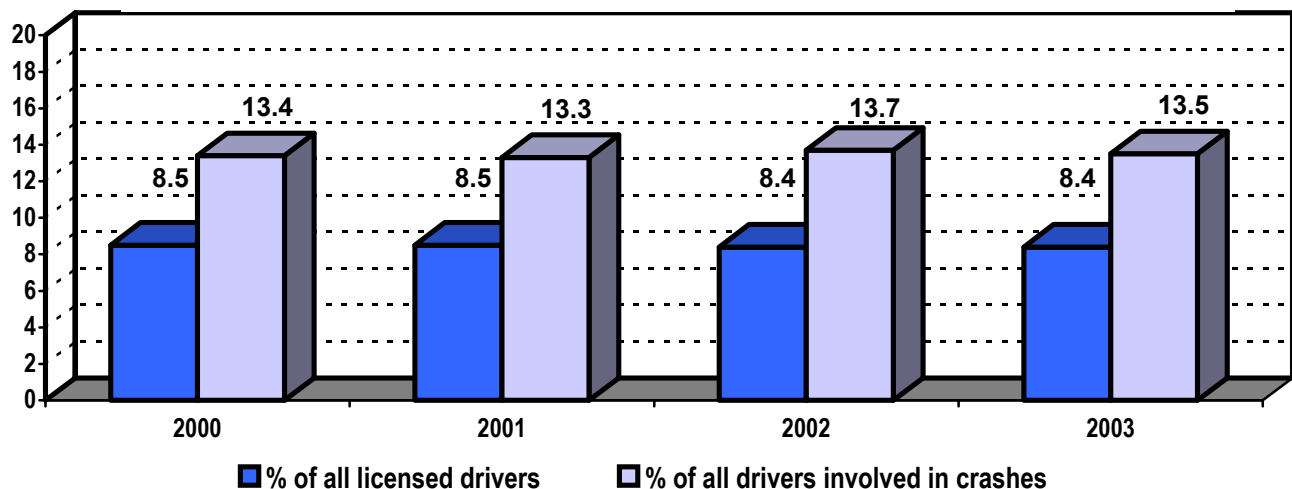
¹ Drivers involved in fatal crashes per 1,000 total crashes.

² Drivers involved in fatal crashes per 1,000 licensed drivers.

³ Drivers involved in all crashes per 1,000 licensed drivers.

Comparing 2003 with the previous 3-year average, the number of young drivers involved in crashes decreased by 2.1 percent. While young drivers account for about 8 percent of all licensed drivers, their involvement in crashes is considerably higher. This over-representation is shown in the graph below.

Young Drivers: Crash Involvement Relative to All Drivers



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Senior Drivers (65 Years or Older) Involved in Crashes

DRIVER INVOLVEMENT By Crash Severity	2000	2001	2002	2003	Previous 3-Year Average	% Change (2003 vs. 3-Year Average)
Total Crashes	50,237	50,139	49,076	49,724	49,817	-0.2
Fatal Crashes	210	226	212	241	216	11.6
Injury Crashes	11,398	11,160	11,144	11,280	11,234	0.4
Licensed Drivers	1,089,448	1,094,044	1,109,131	1,103,729	1,097,541	0.6
Fatal Crash Ratio ¹	4.18	4.51	4.32	4.85	4.34	11.8
Fatal Crash Rate ²	0.19	0.21	0.19	0.22	0.20	10.9
Total Crash Rate ³	46.11	45.83	44.25	45.05	45.39	0.7

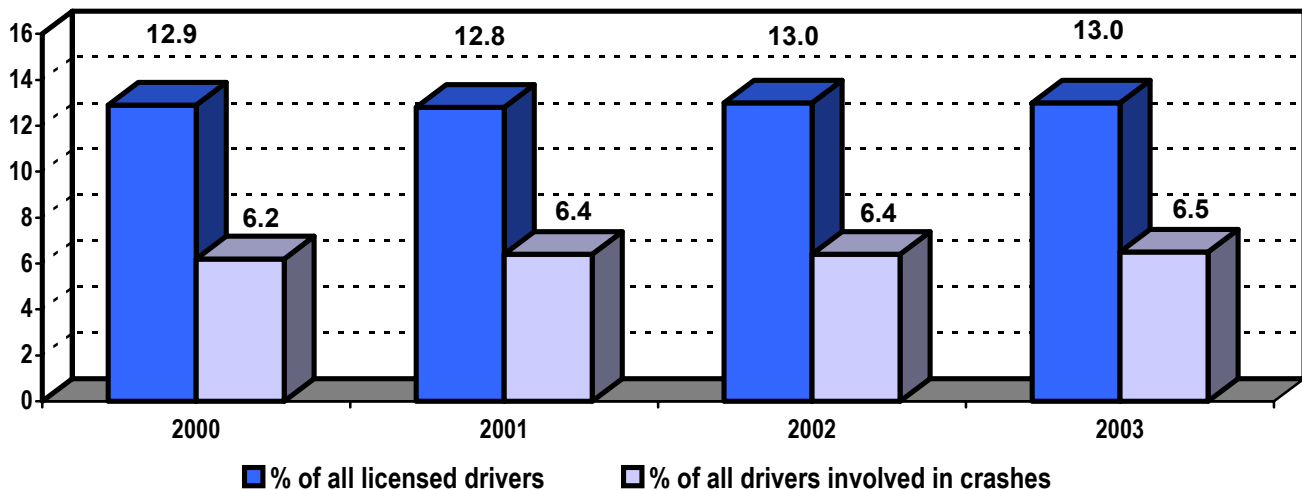
¹ Drivers involved in fatal crashes per 1,000 total crashes.

² Drivers involved in fatal crashes per 1,000 licensed drivers.

³ Drivers involved in all crashes per 1,000 licensed drivers.

Comparing 2003 with the previous 3-year average, the number of senior drivers involved in crashes shows a slight decrease. While senior drivers account for about 13 percent of all licensed drivers, their involvement in crashes is considerably lower. This under-representation is shown in the graph below.

Senior Drivers: Crash Involvement Relative to All Drivers



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Pedestrian Crashes

	2000	2001	2002	2003	Previous 3-Year Average	% Change (2003 vs. 3-Year Average)
Total Crashes	6,827	6,574	6,521	6,057	6,641	-8.8
Pedestrians Killed	189	185	192	190	189	0.5
Pedestrians Injured	6,545	6,409	6,438	5,889	6,464	-8.9
	Number of Fatal Crashes by Light Condition					
	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Daylight	74	63	71	67		
Dawn	7	6	7	1		
Dusk	5	1	3	3		
Darkness	29	43	51	52		
Dark-Road Lighted	79	72	59	64		
TOTAL	194	185	191	187		
	Number of Pedestrians Killed by Age					
	2000	2001	2002	2003		
4 or Younger	7	7	4	8		
5-9	8	5	6	6		
10-14	9	9	6	8		
15-19	8	5	7	13		
20-24	6	16	5	15		
25-34	24	18	31	24		
35-44	30	29	28	31		
45-54	30	20	36	30		
55-64	22	27	13	16		
65-74	22	14	22	13		
75 or Older	23	35	34	26		
TOTAL	189	185	192	190		

A pedestrian crash is any crash in which the first harmful event is the collision of a pedestrian and a motor vehicle.

Pedestrian crashes decreased by 8.8 percent when comparing 2003 with the previous 3-year average. The number of pedestrians killed or injured decreased by 8.6 percent, from an average of 6,653 during 2000-2002 to 6,079 in 2003.

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Pedalcycle Crashes

	2000	2001	2002	2003	Previous 3-Year Average	% Change (2003 vs. 3-Year Average)
Total Crashes	3,542	3,228	3,320	3,208	3,363	-4.6
Fatal Crashes	18	27	22	20	22	-9.1
Injury Crashes	3,267	2,978	3,048	2,959	3,098	-4.5
Pedalcyclists Killed	18	27	22	17	22	-22.7
Pedalcyclists Injured	3,283	2,996	3,058	2,971	3,112	-4.5
Number of Pedalcyclists Killed by Type of Roadway	2000	2001	2002	2003		
	Urban					
	5	7	3	5		
	9	14	13	8		
	1	2	1	1		
	15	23	17	14		
	Rural					
	3	2	3	2		
	0	2	1	0		
	0	0	1	1		
	3	4	5	3		
	Pedalcyclists Killed					
	2002	2003	2002	2003		
Pedalcyclist Age						
4 or Younger	0	0	21	29		
5-9	2	1	369	330		
10-14	5	1	795	778		
15-19	2	0	367	365		
20-24	1	1	239	249		
25-34	3	5	373	344		
35-44	4	5	400	363		
45-54	1	2	231	261		
55-64	2	1	104	109		
65 or Older	2	1	159	79		
Unknown	0	0	0	64		
TOTAL	22	17	3,058	2,971		
Pedalcyclists Injured						

The above figures include only crashes in which pedalcyclists are involved with motor vehicles. Crashes which involve only pedalcyclists are not reported to the Illinois Department of Transportation.

When comparing 2003 to the previous 3-year average, the number of pedalcyclists killed or injured decreased by 4.7 percent.

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Motorcycle Crashes

	2000	2001	2002	2003	Previous 3-Year Average	% Change (2003 vs. 3-Year Average)
Total Crashes	3,978	4,402	4,045	4,376	4,142	5.6
Fatal Crashes	123	135	97	137	118	16.1
Injury Crashes	2,259	2,336	2,396	2,618	2,330	12.4
Motorcyclists Killed	126	140	100	143	122	17.2
Motorcyclists Injured	2,438	2,532	2,622	2,878	2,531	13.7
Non-Motorcyclists Killed	3	1	0	2	1	100.0
Non-Motorcyclists Injured	266	259	264	352	263	33.8
	Number of Motorcyclists Involved In Crashes by Type of Maneuver					
	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Going Straight Ahead	2,070	2,422	2,149	2,256		
Passing/Overtaking	88	97	85	83		
Making Left Turn	187	206	215	185		
Making Right Turn	129	150	136	150		
Slow/Stopped in Traffic	455	591	504	490		
Skidding/Control Loss	548	593	588	675		
Changing Lanes	254	260	83	62		
Other	244	262	389	422		
Parked	171	216	148	190		
TOTAL	4,146	4,797	4,297	4,513		
	Operators Killed		Operators Injured			
	2002	2003	2002	2003		
Operator Age						
9 or Younger	0	0	0	0		
10-14	0	0	5	9		
15-19	6	5	119	143		
20-24	15	19	309	399		
25-34	22	43	478	675		
35-44	16	34	443	585		
45 or Older	33	32	589	694		
Unknown	0	0	1	4		
TOTAL	92	133	1,944	2,509		

The above figures include motorcycles, motorscooters, motorbikes, and mopeds.

Comparing 2003 with the average for the previous three years, motorcycle crashes increased by 5.6 percent. The number of motorcyclists killed or injured increased by 13.9 percent, from an average of 2,653 during 2000-2002 to 3,021 in 2003.

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School Bus Crashes

	2000	2001	2002	2003	Previous 3-Year Average	% Change (2003 vs. 3-Year Average)
Total Crashes	2,778	2,559	2,312	2,276	2,550	-10.7
Fatal Crashes	5	5	3	2	4	-50.0
Injury Crashes	449	390	406	399	415	-3.9
Urban Crashes	2,603	2,381	2,164	2,118	2,383	-11.1
Rural Crashes	175	178	148	158	167	-5.4
	Number of Persons Killed and Injured					
	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Persons Killed						
School Bus Drivers	0	0	0	0		
School Bus Passengers (School-Age)*	0	0	0	1		
Other School Bus Passengers	0	0	0	0		
Other Vehicle Occupants	5	5	3	1		
Pedestrians (School-Age)*	0	0	0	0		
Other Pedestrians	1	0	0	0		
Pedalcyclists	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	6	5	3	2		
Persons Injured						
School Bus Drivers	125	103	113	139		
School Bus Passengers (School-Age)*	205	140	140	152		
Other School Bus Passengers	79	50	71	82		
Other Vehicle Occupants	399	346	345	325		
Pedestrians (School-Age)*	6	24	9	6		
Other Pedestrians	13	1	16	10		
Pedalcyclists	5	1	4	4		
TOTAL	832	665	698	718		
	Number of Crashes by Road Surface Condition					
	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Dry	1,784	1,828	1,682	1,649		
Wet	445	479	370	418		
Snow/Ice	431	140	177	111		
Other	26	24	14	22		
Unknown	91	88	69	76		
TOTAL	2,777	2,559	2,312	2,276		

* School-Age = Children 5-19 years of age.
School Bus = Type 1 or Type 2.

School bus crashes decreased by 10.7 percent in 2003 compared to the previous 3-year average. Fatal crashes decreased by 50.0 percent.

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Tractor-Trailer Crashes

	2000	2001	2002	2003	Previous 3-Year Average	% Change (2003 vs. 3-Year Average)
Total Crashes	18,624	16,481	16,040	16,215	17,048	-4.9
Fatal Crashes	118	126	92	125	112	11.6
Injury Crashes	2,948	2,464	2,605	2,719	2,672	1.8
Vehicle Miles Traveled (Millions)	7,457	7,131	7,361	7,374	7,316	0.8
Urban Crashes	15,867	14,244	13,506	13,613	14,539	-6.4
Rural Crashes	2,757	2,237	2,534	2,602	2,509	3.7
	Number of Persons Killed and Injured					
	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Persons Killed						
Tractor-Trailer Occupants	9	12	13	17		
Other Vehicle Occupants	118	125	73	127		
Pedestrians	9	14	11	7		
Pedalcyclists	1	1	0	3		
Other	0	0	2	0		
TOTAL	137	152	99	154		
Persons Injured						
Tractor-Trailer Occupants	802	689	740	978		
Other Vehicle Occupants	3,340	2,655	2,851	3,011		
Pedestrians	38	26	37	24		
Pedalcyclists	5	5	3	8		
Other	0	0	2	4		
TOTAL	4,185	3,375	3,633	4,025		
	Number of Persons Killed by Type of Roadway					
	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Urban						
Controlled Access Roads	21	23	20	17		
State Routes	20	23	19	19		
City Streets and Roads	20	21	15	10		
Unmarked State Routes	2	6	1	2		
Toll Roads	11	8	4	14		
Urban Total	74	81	59	62		
Rural						
Controlled Access Roads	20	26	10	20		
State Routes	33	43	24	51		
County and Local Roads	8	0	1	7		
Unmarked State Routes	1	0	2	3		
Toll Roads	1	2	3	11		
Rural Total	63	71	40	92		

Tractor-trailer crashes decreased by 4.9 percent in 2003 compared to the previous 3-year average.

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Work Zone Crashes

	2000	2001	2002	2003	Previous 3-Year Average	% Change (2003 vs. 3-Year Average)
Total Crashes	6,804	8,054	6,982	6,982	7,280	-4.1
Fatal Crashes	31	31	30	31	31	0.0
Injury Crashes	1,822	2,191	2,026	1,891	2,013	-6.1
Persons Killed	38	36	31	44	35	25.7
Persons Injured	2,693	3,081	3,020	2,867	2,931	-2.2
Number of Crashes by Type of Roadway						
	2000	2001	2002	2003		
Urban						
Controlled Access Roads	716	814	706	709		
State Routes	1,971	2,549	2,286	2,417		
City Streets and Roads	2,574	3,046	2,540	2,463		
Unmarked State Routes	382	444	244	346		
Toll Roads	357	510	386	240		
Urban Total	6,000	7,363	6,162	6,175		
Rural						
Controlled Access Roads	306	240	361	333		
State Routes	272	275	265	244		
County and Local Roads	146	141	165	131		
Unmarked State Routes	11	15	12	19		
Toll Roads	69	20	17	80		
Rural Total	804	691	820	807		

Work zone crashes are determined by location only, regardless of contributing factors. All reported crashes that occur in the vicinity of roadway construction workers or designated work zone areas are included.

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COUNTY	CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Adams	2,177	2,096	8	1	552	649
Alexander	277	278	0	4	129	104
Bond	536	509	3	9	195	149
Boone	1,127	1,196	16	14	404	426
Brown	267	259	4	2	46	39
Bureau	1,166	1,161	13	9	340	330
Calhoun	311	279	0	0	41	26
Carroll	422	468	1	4	112	147
Cass	427	400	1	0	113	94
Champaign	4,543	4,867	24	25	1,451	1,644
Christian	919	917	7	10	295	281
Clark	568	581	4	5	134	142
Clay	479	467	2	3	158	123
Clinton	823	831	8	10	261	308
Coles	1,426	1,437	8	9	455	467
Cook	225,773	220,719	426	406	58,335	60,214
Crawford	730	765	5	2	126	135
Cumberland	394	416	4	1	122	100
DeKalb	2,143	2,269	10	15	777	845
DeWitt	386	385	8	1	105	107
Douglas	441	414	3	6	127	162
DuPage	28,971	29,538	40	52	9,088	9,004
Edgar	480	546	1	4	107	200
Edwards	202	247	3	0	25	56
Effingham	1,365	1,455	11	13	457	448
Fayette	722	708	5	9	226	209
Ford	317	330	5	6	118	127
Franklin	1,399	1,252	11	8	456	405
Fulton	1,038	1,194	6	10	272	288
Gallatin	125	152	3	1	48	45
Greene	409	446	4	3	115	122
Grundy	1,420	1,344	11	10	529	421
Hamilton	243	217	0	3	61	53
Hancock	536	548	1	9	152	130
Hardin	116	116	0	2	29	14
Henderson	271	308	3	2	88	94
Henry	1,219	1,237	10	6	401	408
Iroquois	893	955	11	17	394	407
Jackson	2,003	2,036	4	7	622	660
Jasper	380	359	5	2	90	92
Jefferson	1,444	1,463	18	9	415	428
Jersey	715	831	5	4	234	223
JoDaviess	742	784	5	4	163	200
Johnson	411	366	3	4	87	70
Kane	13,431	13,604	39	45	4,497	4,620
Kankakee	3,027	2,960	20	16	1,037	1,125
Kendall	1,495	1,579	17	19	521	643
Knox	1,231	1,249	9	3	405	348
Lake	19,267	19,423	61	41	6,243	6,323
LaSalle	3,280	3,235	22	27	1,046	1,029
Lawrence	590	551	5	4	154	117

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COUNTY	CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Lee	1,196	1,242	13	9	353	389
Livingston	957	988	17	17	329	382
Logan	766	836	9	3	217	206
McDonough	952	897	2	8	251	194
McHenry	7,144	7,495	36	40	2,419	2,566
McLean	4,408	4,564	23	20	1,456	1,436
Macon	3,434	3,394	18	11	1,345	1,355
Macoupin	1,217	1,168	8	8	401	399
Madison	8,346	8,353	49	42	2,713	3,019
Marion	1,260	1,275	13	8	384	380
Marshall	383	385	10	4	109	112
Mason	428	398	3	3	125	92
Massac	493	471	1	1	176	144
Menard	198	284	2	5	52	54
Mercer	330	302	1	5	132	106
Monroe	783	805	7	14	279	267
Montgomery	1,017	927	9	8	380	363
Morgan	969	943	4	9	278	308
Moultrie	334	374	0	5	96	126
Ogle	1,329	1,317	13	22	347	386
Peoria	6,620	6,485	11	19	2,430	2,220
Perry	712	681	2	7	191	184
Piatt	307	313	2	1	115	123
Pike	1,032	994	4	9	166	141
Pope	155	120	1	0	24	29
Pulaski	250	212	2	3	84	64
Putnam	216	223	3	1	67	69
Randolph	956	912	5	7	273	262
Richland	570	568	2	1	164	177
Rock Island	4,240	4,325	13	15	1,522	1,466
St. Clair	8,311	8,350	34	47	2,967	2,904
Saline	626	554	4	3	229	181
Sangamon	6,635	6,787	27	18	2,180	2,199
Schuyler	308	339	2	1	66	68
Scott	188	206	0	1	40	34
Shelby	611	598	3	6	184	166
Stark	174	161	3	2	66	83
Stephenson	1,513	1,391	12	2	395	387
Tazewell	3,677	3,623	13	15	1,236	1,301
Union	585	592	7	7	154	245
Vermilion	2,193	2,157	11	15	854	910
Wabash	339	383	0	2	88	93
Warren	543	592	4	4	156	206
Washington	570	552	10	5	209	161
Wayne	671	669	2	1	161	157
White	509	570	7	3	107	142
Whiteside	1,562	1,593	5	6	549	560
Will	13,920	14,759	56	79	4,707	5,354
Williamson	2,185	2,397	15	15	818	850
Winnebago	9,207	9,340	28	35	3,100	3,232
Woodford	584	678	1	6	217	226
TOTALS	438,990	437,289	1,420	1,454	127,719	131,279

Glossary

BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION (BAC)

On July 2, 1997, a BAC of 0.08 or greater became the level at which a driver is considered legally intoxicated in Illinois. Prior to July 2, 1997, the level was 0.10.

CRASH

An occurrence which originates on public roadways involving a moving motor vehicle producing death, injury, or property damage in excess of \$500.

DRIVER

An occupant who is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle or, for an out-of-control vehicle, an occupant who was in control until control was lost. When the term driver is used, it includes drivers of all types of motor vehicles, including cars, vans, pickup trucks, motorcycles, tractor-trailers, emergency vehicles, and buses.

FARS (Fatality Analysis Reporting System)

Nationwide database maintained by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

FATALITY VS. FATAL CRASH

A fatality is a death that results from a traffic crash. A fatal crash is a motor vehicle crash (single or multiple) that results in the death of one or more persons.

INJURY CRASH

Any motor vehicle crash that results in one or more non-fatal injuries.

“A” INJURY (incapacitating injury)

Any injury, other than a fatal injury, which prevents the injured person from walking, driving, or normally continuing the activities he/she was capable of performing before the injury occurred. Includes severe lacerations, broken limbs, skull or chest injuries, and abdominal injuries.

“B” INJURY (nonincapacitating injury)

Any injury, other than a fatal or incapacitating injury, which is evident to observers at the scene of the crash. Includes lump on head, abrasions, bruises, minor lacerations.

“C” INJURY (possible injury)

Any injury reported or claimed which is not either of the above injuries. Includes momentary unconsciousness, claims of injuries not evident, limping, complaint of pain, nausea, hysteria.

LOCATION (URBAN)

Includes locations in or adjacent to a municipality or other urban area of over 5,000 population.

LOCATION (RURAL)

Includes all locations not classified as urban.

MILEAGE DEATH RATE

Fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles of travel (VMT).

MOTORCYCLIST

Any occupant, either operator (driver) or passenger, of a motorcycle.

PEDALCYCLIST

Any occupant of a non-motorized vehicle which is propelled by pedaling. Included in this pedalcycle category are bicycles, tricycles, unicycles, and big wheels.

PEDESTRIAN

Any person who is not in or on a vehicle.

SENIOR DRIVER

Any driver who is 65 years of age or older.

TRACTOR-TRAILER

Alternative term for semi-truck.

TRAVEL

Vehicle miles driven.

WORK ZONE CRASHES

Determined by location only. These are the crashes that occur in the vicinity of roadway construction workers or designated work zone areas.

YOUNG DRIVER

Any driver who is between the ages of 16 and 20, inclusive.